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AUSTIN, Texas--One of the rarest collections of coins and currency in North America was displayed as a feature of National Coin Week through cooperation of the Austin Coin Club, Austin National Bank of Austin and Frost National Bank of San Antonio.

Star of the display WAS the little copper "jola," a small coin produced by the only mint ever to operate in Texas, the Garza Mint of San Antonio, in 1818.

The "jola", made for the purpose of providing a means for making change in the early days of Texas while it was still a province of Mexico, was known to have existed for several generations, but actual proof of its existence was lacking until a few were dredged from the bottom of the San Antonio River during a beautification project a few years ago. The coins were used for a short period, later redeemed in accordance with the original agreement and destroyed under that same agreement. For this reason, it had been long thought none would ever be found.

When one of San Antonio's pioneer banks, Frost National Bank, heard of the "find," its officials secured the few now known to be in existence. Then, the Frost, headed by President T. C. Frost, Jr., himself a numismatist and coin collector, decided to create the "Money Museum" with the "jola" as its chief feature.

Mr. Frost and his bank have now collected specimens of every coin and practically every piece of currency used in Texas between 1818 and 1936, and this collection forms the "Money Museum."

So great was numismatic interest in the enterprise that Frost National has created a traveling exhibit, a six-panel display

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including one of the genuine "jolas", and duplicates of most of the other coins and currency which remains permanently enshrined in the walls of the bank's main lobby in San Antonio.

The Austin showing was the first time the traveling display had left San Antonio, and was the principal feature of the National Coin Week observance in the Texas State Capital.

Through Austin Coin Club President Harry Kent and Lyman Bartee, Governor of District IV of Texas Numismatic Association, the week of April 20-26 was proclaimed "National Coin Week in Texas" by Texas Governor Preston Smith and "National Coin Week in Austin" by Mayor Harry Akin.

The Austin Club opened National Coin Week with a Sunday afternoon educational and informational coin show, as it has done for several years, in a downtown automobile agency showroom. A score of special numismatic displays were arranged by Austin Coin Club members for the show, and others, directed by Col. E. M. Rice, arranged week-long exhibits in other banking and financial instutition lobbies. More than a dozen coin dealers also took part in the show, attended by over 300 persons.

Throughout the week, hundreds of persons saw the Frost Nationl Bank exhibit in the lobby of the downtown Austin National Bank. The display included, in addition to the "jola", Spanish and Mexican gold and silver coins of all denominations, Government of Texas and Republic of Texas bills, Texas Treasury warrants, U, S. Treasury notes, a legal tender note, silver and gold certificates and U. S. gold coins. National bank notes issued by a dozen Texas national banks were also shown, along with the last U. S. silver dollar, of 1935 mintage, and Texas Centennial commemorative half-dollars. *********